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R 280500Z JAN 75
FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3623
INFO USLO PEKING
AMEMBASSY TAIPEI
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C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 0988

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2
TAGS: PINT, CH
SUBJECT: WHEREABOUTS OF MAO

REF: A) PEKING 089 B) HONG KONG 0743

1. USLO'S SHREWD CAVEAT PARA 6 REF A THAT STRAUSS MAY HAVE BEEN DISSEMBLING AS TO MEANS OF TRAVEL USED TO MEET MAO WAS WELL TAKEN. STRAUSS SET RECORD STRAIGHT ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS ON PASSING THROUGH HONG KONG. TRIP TO SEE MAO WAS BY PLANE, NOT CAR, AND TOOK SEVEN OR EIGHT HOURS, INCLUDING ONE HOUR VISIT. CHINESE APPARENTLY INSISTED ON CAR STORY AND STRAUSS PLAYED ALONG WITH BOTH PRESS AND GERMAN EMBASSY PEKING.

2. MY SOURCE FOR THIS INFORMATION IS GERMAN CONSUL GENERAL BREUER WHO WAS TOLD BY STRAUSS HIMSELF AND ENJOINED TO VERY STRICT SECRECY. CONSUL GENERAL ONLY TOLD ME BECAUSE CONFIDENTIAL

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HE HAD LED ME ASTRAY IN FIRST PLACE. HE AND I SPECULATED

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WITHOUT COMING TO CONCLUSIONS AS TO WHY CHINESE RESORTED TO
SUCH ELABORATE SUBTERFUGES AND WHY IT WAS IMPORTANT TO
LOCATE MAO IN FOREIGN MINDS NEAR PEKING AT THAT TIME.
WE ONLY AGREED THAT THIS RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT GENERAL
ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE REGIME.
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